

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION
APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: The Rag Factory
 Address of property: 1806-1814 Thames Street
 City Baltimore County _____ State Md. Zip Code 21231
 Name of historic district in which property is located: Fells Point Historic District

Check here if request is for:

- ☒ certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
☐ decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
☐ easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

The site is improved with two three story masonry structures constructed circa 1870. The front elevation of the structure to the west (left) has remained virtually unchanged since its being built during the latter part of (continued on back of page)

3. Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary) On the basis of discussions with historians who know Fells Point, it has been determined that at least one of these two buildings was originally used as a livery stable. The buildings were then sold during the early 1900's to the family who operated a "Rag Factory" business until the buildings were purchased by me on July 16, 1980. (Continued on back of page)

Date of construction (if known): _____ ☐ Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Ron Russo, RAR Associates
 Street 723 S. Charles Street
 City Baltimore State Md. Zip Code 21230
 Telephone number (during day): Area Code 301 539-6161

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature [Signature] Date 9/14/82

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number [REDACTED]

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

Structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or ☐ will likely ☐ will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature [Signature] Date 9-25-82
 State Historic Preservation Officer

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the nineteenth century. Its victorian appearance with traces of Georgian revival are original.

The building to the east (right) on the other hand with obvious victorian flavor has been altered during the early 1900's. This building originally had first floor doors as its neighbor to the west and symmetrical window openings which were altered or closed by its former owner. As is apparent from the photographs, the first floor front has been bricked up and made to suit the purposes of the former owner who manufactured rags, hence the name "Rag Factory".

The roofs have a slight pitch to the rear interrupted by an elevator house on the S.E. corner which will be removed.

It should be noted that the "Rag Factory" is the prominent building of the immediate neighborhood. Its massiveness dictates that it set the tone for both the north and south frontages of the 1800 block of Thames Street. It is paramount therefore that it be restored with sensitivity to the smaller single family buildings nearby.

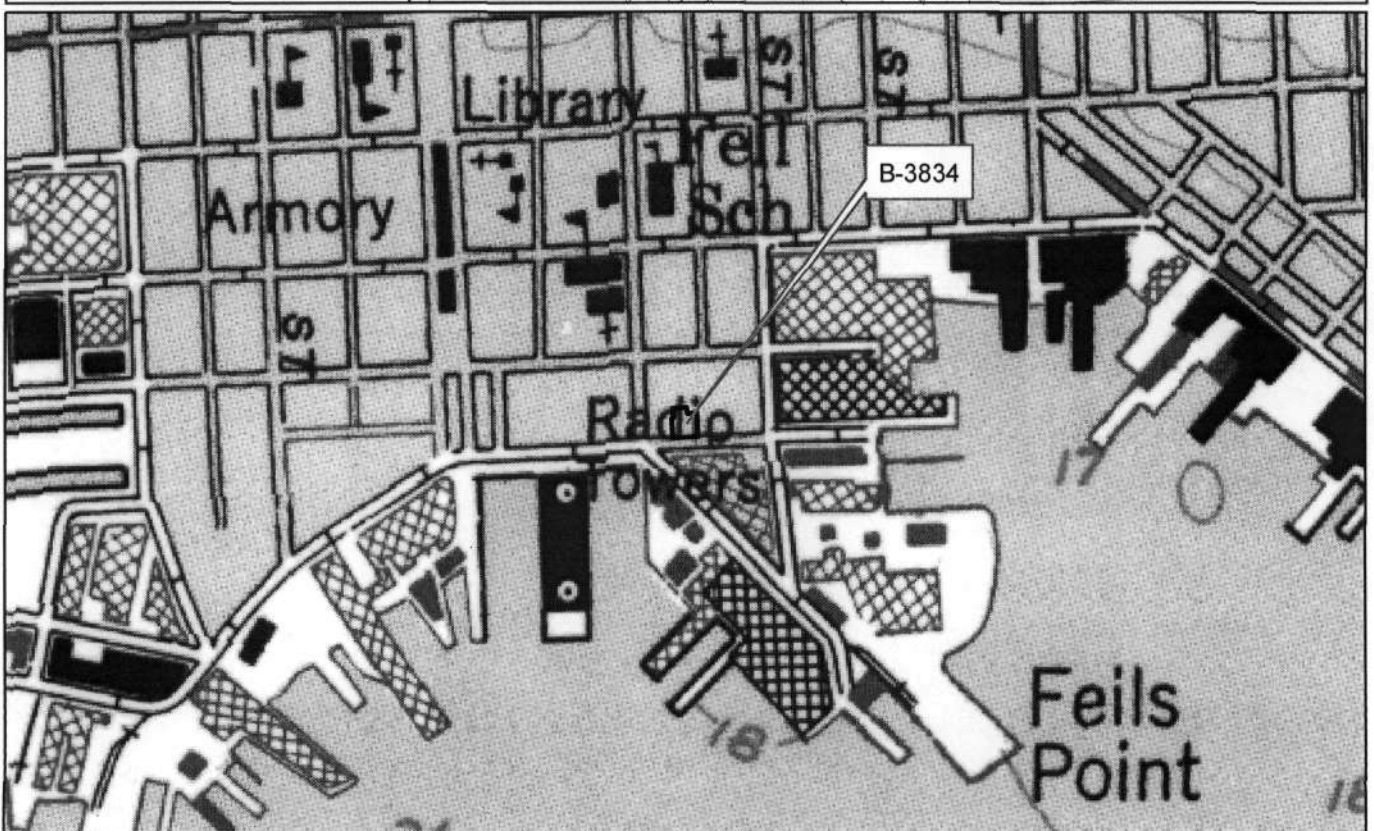
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(The livery stable serviced the original Fells Point area which was established by Edward Fell during the 1760's.)

The buildings are unchanged from their original footprint on the site and except for the alterations noted on the facade of the east (right) building and minor window opening variations in the rear, the buildings are as they were when constructed.

As seen from the photogrphas, the Rag Factory is three stories high and approximates the elevations of the other buildings on the street. Additionally, there is a clear view of the Harbor from the west building and an obscured to partially obscured view from the east building.

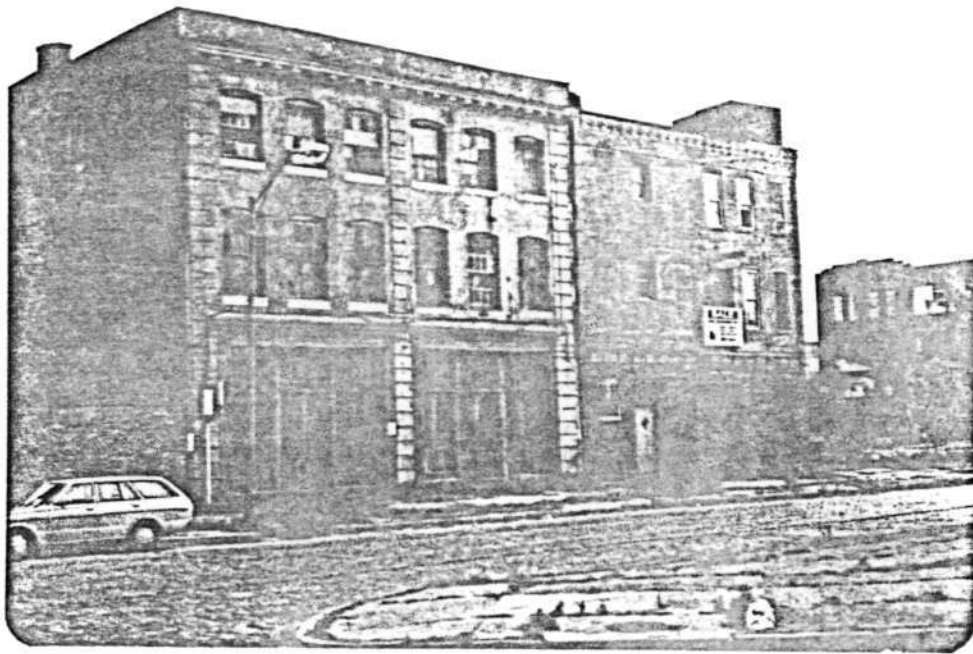
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The Rag Factory
1806-1814 Thames Street
Block 1862 Lot CO1862a
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



THE RAG FACTORY

Photo #1

Left
Building
(west)

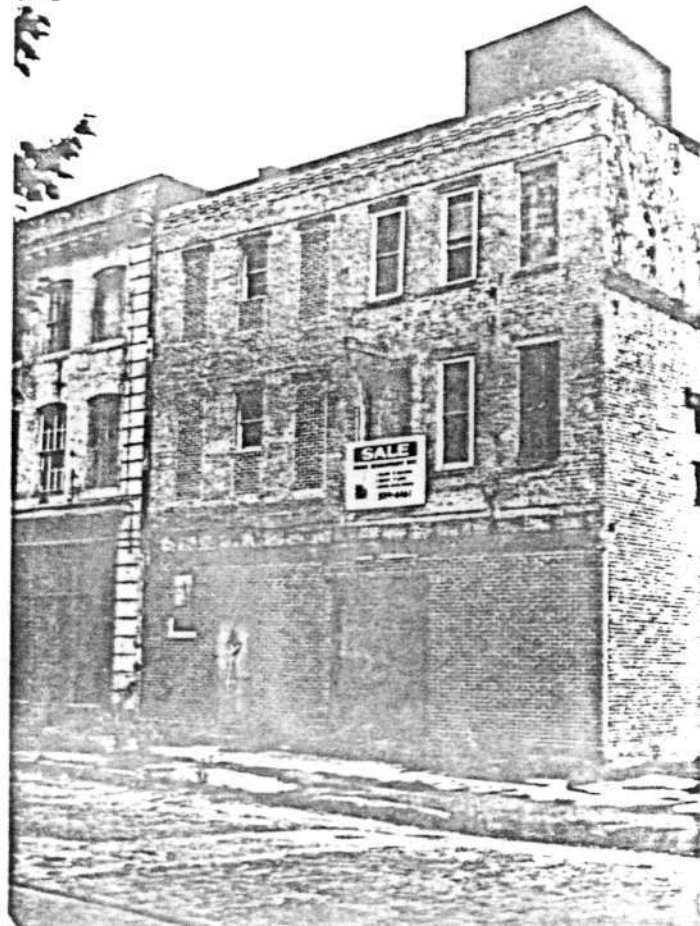
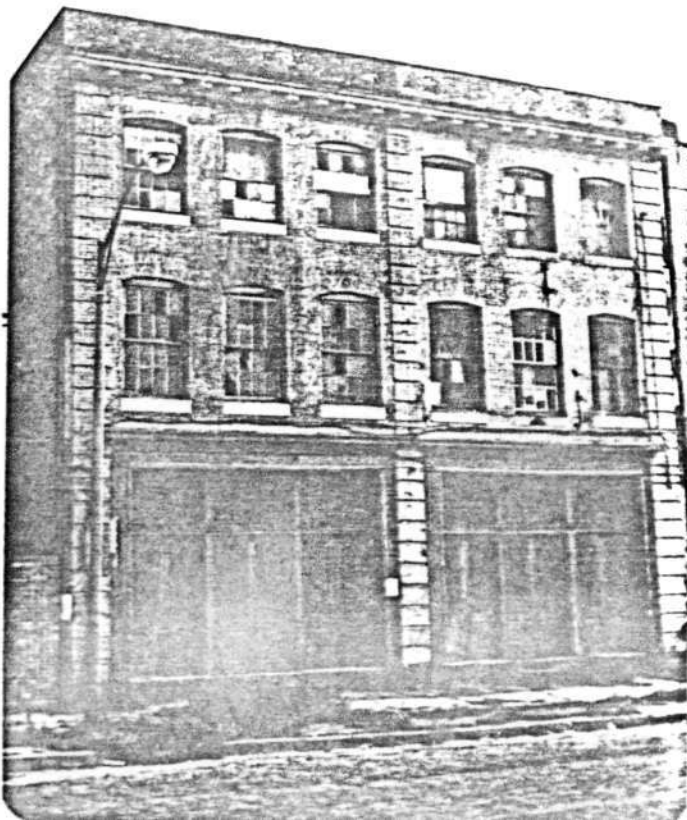


Right
Building
(east)

View looking NE

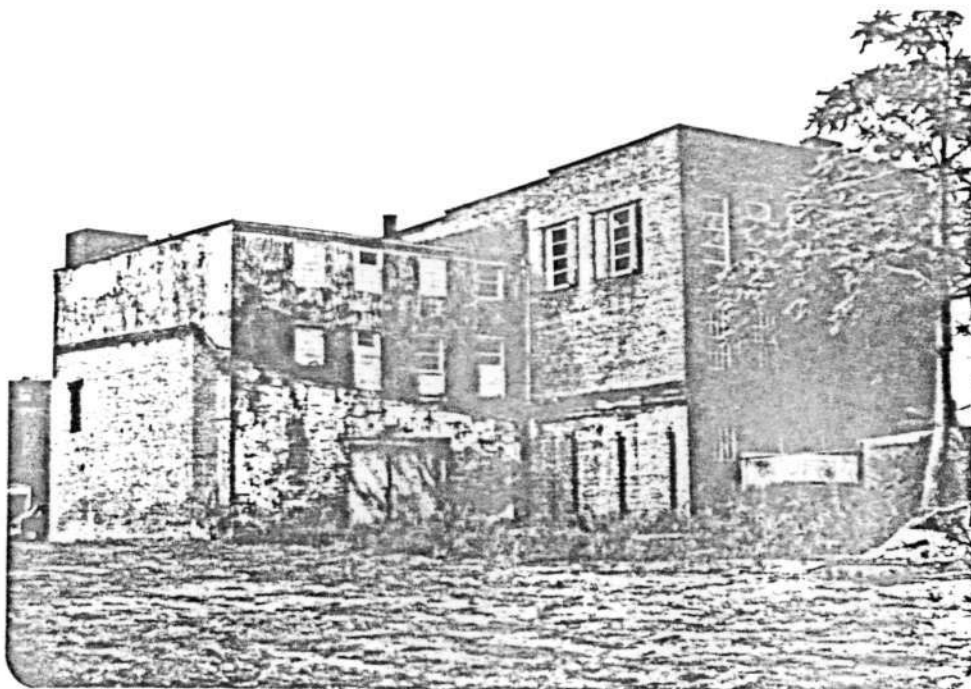
(left bldg)
Photo #2

(right bldg)
Photo #3



THE RAG FACTORY

Photo #4



(view looking SW)
Rear and east elevation

Photo #5



East Elevation